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## PEOPLE HAVE TRANSFER OF LINE AS WHIP

Congress May be Asked  
to Give Railroad Fed-  
eral Ownership.

## NEW HAVEN CASE CAUSE

Residents of Massachusetts Are  
Up in Arms—Inquiry Will  
Likely Be Ordered.

Washington, Dec. 11.—"Unless the situation in Massachusetts is relieved, congress will be called upon to seriously consider giving the people government ownership of railroads," declared Representative Murray today as the house rules committee concluded hearing appeals of New England state and city representatives for an investigation of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railway's alleged transportation monopoly.

Questions asked by the committee today seemed to indicate a majority will favor an investigation by a subcommittee of the interstate commerce committee instead of a special committee proposed in the O'Shaughnessy resolution now under consideration.

## READY FOR TARIFF HEARINGS.

The schedule of hearings on tariff revision was announced by the house ways and means committee today. The hearings will begin Jan. 6, with schedule A—chemicals, oils and paints. There will be sessions daily.

## PRICE CUTTING INQUIRY.

Price cutting by monopolies or combinations in one locality to drive competitors out of business is to be immediately considered by the senate committee on interstate commerce.

## OTHERS MAY FOLLOW ENGLAND.

The warning in Grey's Panama note that the British government will protect further in case an attempt is made to enforce that section of the Panama act which prohibits the use of the canal by railroad-owned or trust-controlled ships may, it is thought here, indicate formidable European opposition to any attempt by this government to extend the operations of the Sherman law beyond the confines of the United States.

## KIDNAP CASHIER BEFORE A CROWD

\$28,087 Robbery Attempted in  
Daylight on Michigan Ave-  
nue, Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—The auto bandits drove their black "plate car" down into the heart of "Automobile row" in South Michigan avenue at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The four desperadoes got out at East Sixteenth street and an alley between South Michigan avenue and South Wabash avenues. Five minutes later Merrill J. Wright, cashier of the Fox River Buttery company, 1533 South Michigan avenue, happened by on his way to the bank with a satchel containing \$28,087 in currency and checks.

At the alley one of the bandits bumped into him. Thinking the man was drunk Wright edged out to the sidewalk. Immediately the other bandits threw a lap robe over his head and began pummeling him. In the melee Wright, who through a lucky mishap didn't have his usual handcuff on his wrist, locking the valise to him, dropped it.

The battle waged fiercely for a full minute. More than 150 admiring spectators gathered.

"We're secret service officers," one of them yelled to the crowd. "This man is a lunatic. He was about to blow up the First regiment armory."

Awestricken, the crowd edged back. W. H. McCulloch of Elgin, one of those in it, started to pick up the valise.

"Drop that. It's filled with dynamite," one of the robbers yelled.

McCulloch dropped it and ran. In the interim the bandits had subdued the "lunatic," who was yelling "thief" and "robber" as lustily as he could. He was thrown into the automobile and two of the desperadoes sat on him. Over his head they drew a rubber hood used to bundle up taxicab meters.

Then, seemingly losing their nerve, the robbers left the money-laden valise lying in the alley, and with one of them standing up in the rear of the automobile with a revolver leveled at the terrified mob they dashed away at full speed.

At West Fourteenth and South Union streets the automobile stopped.

## The Weather

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline,  
and Vicinity.

Fair and continued cold tonight with the lowest temperature about 5 degrees above zero. Thursday rising temperature.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 13. Highest yesterday, 41; lowest last night, 13.

Velocity of wind at 1 a. m., 15 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 51, at 7 a. m., 77.

Stage of water, 1.9, a fall of .4 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)  
Sun sets 4:33, rises 7:15. Evening stars: Venus, Jupiter, Saturn. Morning stars: Mars, Mercury.

Wright was dumped out and the rubber cap removed. A cloth cap was substituted.

"Give us the dough," one of the robbers commanded, pressing a revolver against his temple.

"It's back there in the alley; we left it," Wright replied.

Cursing and alternately pummeling Wright, the robbers searched him. All they found was a silver watch and \$5.

When he pleaded that they give him back the timepiece they gave him all of his belongings, saying: "We're out after big dough."

Then, pulling the cap over his eyes, they told him to keep quiet while they got away or they would "blow his head off."

Wright obeyed until the noise of the auto had died away in the distance. Then he hurried back to the butter company offices.

Meantime Earl Halgren, 73 East Sixteenth street, in passing the alley, had seen the awestricken crowd gazing at the valise "filled with dynamite." He picked it up and heard the clink of coins. Opening it money poured out.

He took it to South Michigan avenue and West Sixteenth street, where he met South Park policeman John Kinsella and told him of his find. They carried the valise to the West Twenty-second street police station.

A short time later an official of the butter company called up to tell about the assault on Wright. The police responded with the information that the money and checks were safe.

Wright, the cashier, is 24 years old and lives at 3014 Vernon avenue. He said he could not identify the robbers and was unable to see the license number on the automobile.

## FITZGERALD HAS DRAMATIC STORY

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Testifying in his own behalf, George Fitzgerald, charged with the theft of \$173,000 from the subtreasury at Chicago, unfolded one of the most dramatic stories in the records of the United States secret service.

He declared that secret service men had shadowed him from the date of the robbery until this morning. He swore when he balanced the records and discovered the shortage he reported it promptly.

## LANDIS DIFFERS WITH OFFICIALS

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Difference of opinion having arisen between Judge Landis and treasury officials at Washington over the oleomargarine investigation recently begun here, Judge Landis today said regarding a possible compromise that if the treasury officials wanted to "compound a felony and compromise a crime at 7 cents on the dollar they have a legal right to do so."

No more witnesses will be called until Washington decides whether or not to compromise on the payment of \$100,000 of back taxes aggregating \$1,500,000.

Manufacturers said to be involved are Armour & Co. and Moxley & Co.

## Physician Shoots Man.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 11.—Samuel Bradbury is in a critical condition at Cooperstown from the effects of two bullets, which were fired by Dr. W. D. Fowler, a prominent physician. Bradbury is said to have sent threatening letters to Fowler.

## UNION PACIFIC IN A HEAVY DECLINE

New York, Dec. 11.—Weakness of Union Pacific unsettled the stock market to a point approaching demoralization during the noon hour today. On heavy offerings Union Pacific declined to 157, five points from the best of the early morning. Today's low quotation is the low level for over a year.

Other stocks moved down sympathetically. Excitement on the exchange was greater than at any time since 1907.

## 13TH MURDER AT CHICAGO CORNER

Chicago, Dec. 11.—For the 13th time this year "death corner" in the North side Italian quarter was the scene of a murder. While hurrying to work this morning, an unidentified laborer was shot from behind by one of two men. Two shots were fired, each taking effect in the victim's head. The assailants escaped.

## SAY QUIGLEY IS PERJURER AS WITNESS

Detroit Business Agent  
Placed Under Arrest at  
the Dynamite Trial.

## DIRECTS EXPLOSIONS

Denies Authorship of Letter  
Containing Instructions as  
to Several Jobs.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 11.—William H. Quigley of Detroit, business agent of the carpenters' union, today was held to the federal grand jury on a charge of the district attorney that he had committed perjury as a witness in the "dynamite" trial. He was taken in custody.

Quigley is charged with committing perjury in denying the authorship of a letter written in June, 1910, in reference to a proposed series of explosions in Detroit against non-union jobs. Local officials of the carpenters' machinists' and iron workers' unions were charged with plotting to unionize trades in Detroit by the use of nitro-glycerine.

A handwriting expert said Quigley's signature to a letter "calling off" the explosions was genuine. The letter Quigley denies he wrote follows:

"Wayne County Carpenters' District Council, Detroit, 5-21.—Brother H. R. (Cline): We made a mistake in our man and it's all off with the big show. He has got in radically wrong and skipped, for he told me he would do so, but he would make good. I can't tell what he may do. He got trimmed twice since Friday eve by iron men. So lay low for him now. I am giving it to you straight. Was flashing the century and drunk since you left up till last night."

(Seal) W. H. QUIGLEY.

The caption and word "seal" as well as the body of the letter were in handwriting.

## LONDON SUFFRAGET GETS TWO MONTHS IN PRISON

London, Dec. 11.—Elsie Howey, a militant suffraget, was sentenced today to two months' imprisonment for turning in false alarms of fire last night.

That the suffraget attack on fire alarms was a concerted one is indicated by the fact that in Manchester, Birmingham and other cities similar outrages were committed. All fire stations were inundated this morning by postcards bearing the suffraget colors and inscribed "votes for women." "Extinguish us if you can."

## BATTLESHIP WILL CARRY TAFT PARTY TO PANAMA

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Taft, Mrs. Taft and Secretary Hilges will leave Washington at midnight, Dec. 19, for Key West, whence they will sail Dec. 21 for Panama on the battleship Arkansas. They will reach Washington on the return trip Dec. 31.

It will be Taft's fifth visit to the canal. It is believed he will offer Colonel Goethals the civil governorship of the canal zone.

## More County Scandal: Fines.

Clinton, Iowa, Dec. 11.—Judge House sustained demurrers here yesterday to six of the eight indictments against three supervisors, fining each of the defendants \$100 on each of the other two indictments. Of 31 indictments returned in the court-house scandal cases all that remain are one against County Auditor Frank Ledham and one against County Recorder William McKenna. Settlements have given Clinton county approximately \$25,000.

## Osprey Sunk Vessel.

Weymouth, Ennland, Dec. 11.—The vessel sunk yesterday by the battleship Centurion is believed here to have been the small steamer Osprey from Waterford, Ireland, due to arrive here yesterday morning.

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## THE POSTMAN'S NIGHTMARE



## TAFT MAY TAKE KENT LAW CHAIR AT YALE SCHOOL

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Taft is considering an offer of the Kent professorship at Yale law school. The place has been vacant for several years. It was last filled by Professor Phelps, one-time American minister to Great Britain. The president has had the offer to go to Yale under consideration for some time. His friends are inclined to believe he will accept, though do not expect him to make up his mind before next month. The position pays \$5,000 a year.

## RIOTING MINERS KILL POLICEMAN

Bluecoat Is Slain When He Interferes in Cutting Affray at Virden, Ill.

## CINCINNATI HAS A MILLION BLAZE

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 11.—Firemen are still playing water on the Gibson hotel, the Rendigs-Lothmann department store and the upper 10 stories of the 17-story Union Trust building, destroyed by fire last night. As far as is known there was no loss of life. Nine were injured, none seriously. The loss is nearly a million.

Forty-five scrubwomen were in the Union Trust building when the fire started. Over a score of these were actual prisoners of the flames until rescuers ran elevators through the smoke and fire to the hysterical women.

The fire started in the Gibson house, which is located on Walnut street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues. The flames spread with remarkable rapidity.

In less than half an hour the fire was beyond control, despite the efforts of every available company of firemen in the city.

The hotel at the time was crowded with guests, who fled panic-stricken through the smoke-filled halls, threatening to jump from the windows, being only restrained from doing so by the combined efforts of the police and firemen.

Iowa Bank Safe Blown.  
Goldfield, Iowa, Dec. 11.—Robbers early today blew the safe of the Citizens' state bank here, and stole between four and five thousand cash. They stole a team and escaped.

## TURN STOCKS 10 TIMES IN A YEAR

Washington, Dec. 11.—Operations of the New York stock exchange were detailed to the money trust investigating committee today by Lawrence S. Scudder, accountant for the committee.

Counsel Untermyer led Scudder through an examination, the object of which was to show that of the millions of shares of stock traded in the exchange only a small percentage were actually transferred. The witness presented figures to show that the entire capital stock of some concerns had been turned over eight or ten times a year, while about eight per cent of the sales generally were bona fide transfers.

## JACK JOHNSON'S LAWYERS DESERT

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Two colored attorneys appeared in the federal court today and asked that their names be stricken from the records as counsel for Jack Johnson. Both said they disapproved of the recent marriage of Johnson to a white girl and did not care to be associated with the pugilist.

## BROTHERS SEND EVIL NOTES TO NEW PRESIDENT

Newark, N. J., Dec. 11.—Two brothers, Peter and Jacob Dunn, 24 and 26, and Seelye Davenport, 42, so-called mountaineers, arrested in Doer, N. J., last night charged with writing threatening letters to Woodrow Wilson, were today locked up here awaiting a preliminary examination Monday. According to postoffice inspectors, Peter accuses his brother Jacob of having done the writing. Words written by Jacob at the dictation of the inspectors are said to have tallied in peculiarities and misspelling with letters sent to Wilson.

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## COLONEL FOR TICKET HEAD AGAIN IN 1916

Progressives in Request to  
Roosevelt to Lead Their  
Next Campaign.

## AND HE DOESN'T REFUSE

Colorado Delegate Requests  
That "Gas" Be Shut Off  
and Business Done.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Committee meetings and a love feast for progressives without official position occupied the time of the new party members on the second day of the progressive conference. Speakers from many different sections of the country made five-minute addresses.

Chairman Stocker of the state central committee of Colorado surprised the meeting when he rose and declared the "gas" ought to be shut off. "I came here with the idea there was work to do," he declared, "but have heard nothing but speeches."

Five propositions of major significance to the politics of the nation were developed during yesterday's conference. They are:

1. That the progressive party leaders and the 1,500 representatives from all of the states and territories present yesterday, consider Colonel Roosevelt the natural nominee for president of the progressive national convention of 1916.

2. That Colonel Roosevelt, personally, and the new party leaders accept the late election as a substantial victory; that the republican party is dead and that the immediate onslaught must be made against the democratic party as now organized.

STANDS HIS GROUND.  
3. That Colonel Roosevelt, instead of backing water with respect to his views concerning the judiciary as indicated in the Columbus speech, takes much more advanced ground and is ready for a finish fight on this particular issue. This was emphasized particularly yesterday in the expression of his opinion of the Idaho supreme court.

4. That the progressive party and Colonel Roosevelt welcome the support of such men as George W. Perkins, exemplified by the public expression of confidence in Perkins by the colonel and that the latter is not antagonistic to large campaign contributions simply because of their size.

5. That the immediate plan of organization for the new party carries into action all of the states and all of the state leaders who made the fight for Roosevelt and Johnson in the recent campaign and that the 1916 contest is now on, led by the same personnel which handled the 1912 campaign.

BOOM FOR ROOSEVELT.  
On top of this comprehensive scheme of organization and development of the party Benjamin Fay Mills started a boom for Roosevelt and Johnson as the standard bearers in 1916.

"We might as well call him 'President' Roosevelt, for he's been our president and he's going to be our president again," said Mr. Mills. "In 1914 we are going to elect legislators in a majority of the states. In 1916 we are going to elect Theodore Roosevelt president and Hiram W. Johnson vice president by the largest majority ever given any president."

The 1,600 progressives who crowded the large banquet hall in the Hotel LaSalle, where the day's conference was held, cheered wildly for Roosevelt and Johnson as the candidates of 1916.

The progressives seemed already to have made up their minds that Roosevelt shall run again. In Colonel Roosevelt's speech made before the conference in the morning nothing to the contrary was indicated.

## EUGENE H. GRACE BEGINS AN ACTION FOR DIVORCE

Newman, Ga., Dec. 11.—Reiterating the charge that his wife shot him to obtain his life insurance, Eugene H. Grace today filed suit for divorce against Daisie Grace, who last June was acquitted. Mrs. Grace has returned to Philadelphia to live.

## FIVE YEARS TERM FOR SIDNA ALLEN

Wytheville, Va., Dec. 11.—Sidna Allen, leader of the Hillsville gunmen, found guilty today of involuntary manslaughter, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.